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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Office Action and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-3, 9-11, 13, 16, 18, 23-27, 29, 30, 41, 53-56 and 60 are pending in this application. Claims 4-8, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19-22, 28, 31-40 42-52 and 57-59 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 60 is amended.

Applicants reserve all rights in the cancelled claims to file divisional and/or continuation patent applications.

Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims add no new matter.

Claim Objections

The Office Action stated that dependent claim 60 is allowable but is objected to, apparently due to its dependency on rejected claim 57. Claim 60 has been amended to an independent form including all its previous limitations and the limitations of base claim 57. Therefore, claim 60 is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the objection to claim 60.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 57-59 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), as being unpatentable over Fettweiss in view of Nicol.

As claims 57-59 have been cancelled without prejudice, these rejections are now moot.

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CONCLUSION

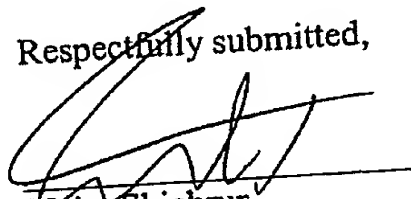
Applicants note that none of the amendments to the claims herein are in response to the above discussed prior art rejections.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are deemed to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

Please charge any fees associated with this paper to deposit account No. 05-0649.

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